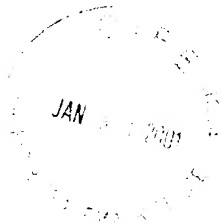


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

ADDRESS TO:

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**



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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including March 22, 2001.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$390 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name	Lisa M.W. Hillman
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Signature	
Date	January 26, 2001